FUSION -No 2.

Pernicious Education --- Advantageous Competition --- Demand and Supply--Huge Fortunes Made in a Day -- Combines The Only Remedy.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. A campaign of education, did you say? Yes; the people were educated into a rut-one part to believe that the remonetizing of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is the panacea for all your ills; the other party to believe the gold standard, an honest dollar and a high tariff is all that is necessary to start the wheels of business and prosperity will come to every class. Yes, the people have been educated into a rut, and the task devolves upon the reformers to educate them out of it. They know to a certainty that none of these measures un ccompanied with other legis lation will give relief. Hundreds of thousands of Populists have been led to believe that the free and unlimited coinage of silver was the financial question proper and they returned to their old love. The Democratic party is the champion of silver, and if this is the financial question, then there is no further use for the Populist party, and the sooner it disbands the better for the cause. At the close of this campaign we find more prejudice to overcome, the people divided into two hostile camps, less unsusceptible to the truth than when the campaign began. They have been indoctrinated with that detestable fraud-the belief that this great nation must have a scarce metal out of which to coin redemp tion money, and that all forms of currency must be maintained at par with this coin; that the value of this coin must be the measure of all values exchanged. This belief fastened upon the people enables the creditor class to control this metal and increase its value by forcing our higher civil za tion to compete for these metals with a lower civilization, and this competition for these metals increases the value of them by decreasing the value of all products to be exchanged. Is is competition for gold on which the creditor class have a corner that debeen greatly intensified since 1890 by equipping labor with the best of American labor-saving machinery in combines heretofore using hand labor and is a novice. When we had hand this labor works for one fourth to onetenth the wages paid in this country. Equipped with American labor saving of steam to machinery changed this machinery, they are our equals in prohave but one effect-force us to the level of our competitors. This corsilver and the corner on gold remains. The creditors would have a corner on | ple. Congress has the exclusive power all the gold and silver coined in the world. Then the corner on these corner they can fix the value of both price of the products of labor not con oriental labor with labor saving ma money to make their exchanges, and in the vaults of the money combine, this brings us in direct competion with the chaapest labor in the world for silver as redemption money. With one hundred and fifty billion dollars made payable in these metals, the creditor's corner will be absolute on both metals. An article may be scarce. If I have a corner on this ar ticle I can fix its value. You say double the amount of an article and in spite of a falling market. The les you decrease its value in the same pro troled by combines, as hundreds of | do the same if they had the chance. products are, this rule is set aside. The ability to combine and fix prices sets aside the well known rule of de that they have set this rule aside. Corporations learning their lesson from and fixed prices without regard to the demand and supply rule. There are unlimited quantities of coal and miners working on half-time. They can double the output, but this prevents If ten million tons of coal were on the them as by other combines. dump for which there were no dethere was just enough to supply the demand. The creditor class can coritor class a corner that is absolute un-

fit to take up their gold, they can place your notes made payable in gold and farmers' combines being a natural mo a corner on this metal. You present nopoly could not be broken. The abilsilver or other money in payment. demand gold. You go to the broker of the pork prevents any other com you exchange two hundred dollars of your money for one hundred dollars of under the control of the monied comthis corner, to set at naught the demand and supply rule. I may have twice as much gold as is necessary to fiance the power of the greatest comcarry on the brokerage business, but bination the world ever saw-the this does not impair my ability to money power. I sue all the money price my gold. As long as the corner direct to the people at cost and every on gold, or gold and silver, is main | natural combine will stand together, tained the power to fix their value is fixed prices that will correspond with absolute with those having the corner. | fixed incomes and secure each class The power to corner an article carries a sufficient number of dollars to ex with it the ability to fix its price, change all we have. When each class whether the article be scarce or plenty. | can fix prices, other classes cannot fix ner gold and silver as redemption and producer will be brought together; money is absolute. In 1891 there was | middle men can no longer combine and a partial failure of corn. The pork | hold the producer at one end and the combine took advantage of this and consumer at the other as the pork depressed the price of pork until it combine did. Huge fortunes cannot progressive and perpetual, states: paid better to sell corn than feed it to be made in a day by a few men who hogs. The farmers bit at the bait, and have the money and who combine and that they are endowed with certain usold off every porker that would go on speculate off of the producer and conthe market. With a corner on pork, sumers. Huge fortunes made by these dollars on the barrel, reaping a profit | the people. Combines must be met of tens of millions of dollars. There | with combines. Artificial combines was no more pork in existence before must be destroyed by each class comthe price went up than after the price | bining, thereby preventing a few getadvanced. Here was an advance of ting control of other's products. To com 160 per cent. without an increase in bine is to cooperate. The people must supply. This corner on porke was combine politically, get control of the broken in time. How? By the farm ers increasing the supply on which the and price their labor and products. combine didn't have a corn-r. If they had had a corner on the pork raisers to keep the people divided and control whenever any such public necessity or they could have continued the corner | the purchasable vote and dictate the utility becomes a monopoly in private indefinitely.

gold and silver coined, and a few men have a corner on all the gold and silver mines. This corner is absolute and the people cannot mine gold and silver and break this corner as the farmers did the corner on pork, and preciates prices. This competition has as they have on other articles. The student of political economy that does not know that the creditor class have a corner on all the medium of exchange labor, a large portion of our exchanges | The people will soon learn this imporwere made by barter. The application Our huge corporations produce special emies of every other class. duction and competition, which can lines of goods and all must be exchanged with money. This increased demand for money to be exchanged ple at cost and you destroy the credi ner on gold ought, must be broken. This every line produced increases the tor class competition must stop. Remonetize power of the monied class to corner money and their power to rob the peoto coin money, fix its value and put it into circulation. Transfer this power metals would be absolute. As long as to corporations and they have the the creditor class can maintain the power to fix its value and control the metals. The equiping of the cheap trolled by combines. This power to tax our industries is absolute. Inter chinery is increasing the demand for est on debts compels money to remain next General Assembly. and we are forced to compete for this money in order to make our ex shanges, thus increasing the value of money and depreciating the value of the pro ducts of labor not controlled by combines. The combines are the only ones that can overcome the shrinkage of values. The various combines have demonstrated their ability to fix prices. son taught by the combines advancing led to this conclusion from an examiportion. If exchanges were free and prices on a falling market should teach unfettered by combines this wide the self constituted boss in the reform R presentatives, which develops the laws, in either gold or silver coin, at world, this would hold good; but con. | movement that the people could This lesson the people must learn, This will never be done by a party controlled by office seekers. Their time mand and supply. Monied power has is spent planing campaigns in which reached such stupendous proportions an effice is the objective point. This In 1887, Webster, of Rockingham coun truth can be quickly learned in non partisan leagues open to all. This corner In 1889, Leazer, of Iredell county, was the money combine have combined on gold must be broken. The first plank in the Alliance demands fur nishes the remedy, and enacted ty, was Speaker. into law will give the needed relief. In 1893, Overman, of Rowan county, This demand and the postal bank was intended to furnish the money direct In 1895, Walser, of Davidson county, the coal barons from setting demand to the people and secure depositors and supply rules at naught and fixing and stop panics. It was intended to prices. They have advanced the price place the people where they could of coal for this season one dollar and combine (co operate) and price their fifty cents a ton, taking from the peo. | labor and products. With the money ple sixty three million dollars more furnished at cost the farmers could than received last year on the coal combine fix prices and hold and sell, as output. This coal combine is absolute, there is a demand at prices fixed by

With money furnished to farmers at mand, they could, and would as read | cost, these combines would be as pow ily fix the price for that sold, as if erful and effective as other combines. The farmers could control the price of of the legislature should, at the prestheir pork, and keep wheat up as efner gold and silver and the corner will fectually and with greater ease than counties are not poor for experienced be absolute. They can fix the value of outside combines. The farmers have and efficient parliamentarians. each, whether the supply be small or control of their products and all they great. The huge debt made payable have to do is to combine and price county, who, but for an accident in these metals confers upon the cred them. The pork-packers must first would have been elected Speaker in get control of the pork before they 1891. Sculken, of Columbus, brainy, der the present financial system. For can control the price. The farmers raise conservative and broad minded. Cook, the last two thousand years the cred the produce; they have a natural mo itor class has had a corner on one or nopoly of that which they produce, both of these metals as their interest and all they need is the money to make Frank Brown, of Jones county, worthy

a premium on it; for instance: I have farm products can be broken. The and fixing prices. With the money State. We earnestly ask that the east gold. My corner on gold is absolute bination all other combines stand in and you are compelled to pay my with them to get the money to make Lawiston, N. C., price for it. I am able, because of their combines. The combines have demonstrated their ability to cope with a falling market and set at de the combine put up the price twelve artificial combines will remain among medium of exchange and co-operate for speculative purposes, whether of The tactics of the monied combines is policy of one or both of the party ma-The creditor class can corner all the chines. Organize non partisan guiles state or union, as the case may be, where every school can become mem bers and we will have an honest discussion, and the farmers, laborers, miners, manufacturers and every industry the interest of, the whole people. will learn that they have a common interest, which consists in each combining together for the establishment of an economical system that will en able them to combine and price their labor and products. These guiles can not be controlled by the creditor class. tant truth, that the class that live off of their credits are the implacable en-

> Death to this class! Furnish the money direct to the peo

More anon. Truly yours,

JAMES MURDOCK.

SPEAKER WANTED FROM THE EAST.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. From the columns of newspapers we gather the fact that there are many candidates in the field for the office of Speaker of the House branch of the

With few exceptions, all are from the Western part of the State. While nothing is farther from my mind than the ministered, idea or question of sectionalism, yet we beg to submit, if, in the course of banks be established by the governhuman events, would it not be fair. equitable and just to distribute the of the people, and to facilitate exhonory accruing from party success as to more nearly equalize them between the different sections of the State than has heretofore been practiced. We are Ination of the Record of the House of fact that this benerable and important position has not been filled by an eastern man for nearly two decades Commencing in 1883, we find:

In 1885, Holt, of Alamance county, was Speaker.

ty, was Speaker.

Speaker. In 1891, Daughton, of Alleghany coun

was Speaker.

was Speaker.

All of them western men, who have been accorded this place of honor, and yet we are told that the west wishes to acquire it again. With all due respect and unqualified regard for those gen tlemen, whose names have been prom inently mentioned for speaker, we beg to say that none are more competent than they to fulfill the necessary requirements of the office. But we insist that the members of the home branch ent session, realize that our eastern

Thomas H. Sutton, of Cumberland of Warren county, an able counseller and efficient parliamentary leader. demanded. If the creditor class see the combine perpetual. The outside and well qualified to fill any position

combines which speculate off of the of honor and trust. Daniels, of Dare; Harris, of Hyde; Hauser, of Lenoirand hosts of others, all eastern men of high character, undoubted ability, ity of the pork raisers to fix the price competency and efficiency, who would fill this most honorable position with age shop where I keep my gold and bine from getting control of the pork credit to themselves and honor to the be accorded the Speakership this term. Very truly yours,

M. L. WOOD. December, 9, 1896

When pruning the old orchard and removing a large limb, first saw a notch on the under side of the limb; then saw down from the upper side to meet that below. This will prevent splitting the limb. Use gum shellac dissolved in alcohol or a thin light colored paint to coat the wounds.

(OFFICIAL) NATIONAL ALLIANCE DEMANDS.

The ability of the creditor class to cor the prices for them. The consumer Adopted at Washington, D. C., February 6, 1896.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, as a basis for a Republican form of Government that might be

alienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the governed."

We hold, therefore, that to restore and preserve these rights under a Republican form of government, private monopolies of public necessities the means of production, distribution or exchange, should be prohibited, and hands, the people of the municipality, shall appropriate the same by right of eminent domain, paying a just value therefor, and operate them for, and in

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible; issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts and receivable for all dues, and an equitable and efficient means of distribution of this currency, directly to the people, at the minimum of expense and without the intervention of banking corporations and in sufficient volume to transact the business of the country on a cash basis.

(a) We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1.

(b) We demand a graduated income

(c) That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.

(d) We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all National and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly ad-

(e) We demand that postal savings ment for the safe deposit of savings change.

(f) We are unalterably opposed to the issue, by the United States, of interest bearing bonds, and demand the payment of all cein obligations of the United States, as provided by existing the option of the government and not at the option of the creditor.

TRANSPORTATION. (a) The government shall purchase

or construct and operate a sufficient mileage of railroads to effectually control all rates of transportation on a just and equitable basis.

(b) The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a ne cessity for the transmission of intelli gence, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

We demand that no land shall be held by corporations for speculative purposes or by railroads in excess of their needs as carriers, and all lands now owned by aliens should be re claimed by the government and held for actual settlers only. EXECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

We demand the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. That each State shall be divided into two districts of nearly equal voting population, and that Senators from each shall be elected by the people of the district.

DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

Relying upon the good, common sense of the American people, and believing that a majority of them, when uninfluenced by party prejudice, will vote right on all questions submitted to them on their merit; and, further, to effectually annihilate the pernicious lobby in legislation, we demand direct legislation by means of the initiative and referendum.

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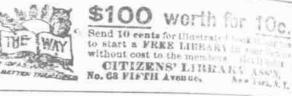
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